(d) if so, what is Government's decision in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI M.L. FOTEDAR) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The action Plan highlights the need for evolving a national consensus in support of the Family Welfare Programme and to obtain the willing participation of all sections of the society. Its key features include; (1) improving the quality and outreach of family welfare services. (2) differential strategy for special focus on 90 poor performing districts (Birth rate of 39 per thousand population and above as per the 1981 census), (3) developing mechanism to make available funds to States/UTs on the basis of reduction of actual birth rate, (4) increasing the coverage of younger age couples through vigorous Promotion of spacing methods, (5) introducing new contraceptives and improving the quality of contraceptives, (6) strengthening family welfare schemes in urban areas especially in slum pockets, (7) revitalising training activities of medical/para-medical personnel with emphasis on motivational and counselling aspects, (8) sustaining the good work done under the Universal Immunisation Programme and strengthening of other interventions for Maternal and Child Health Care, (9)reorientation of information, education and communication efforts to focus on the quality of life issues and interpersonal communication, (10) involving voluntary and non-governmental organisations in a big way to promote active community participation in the programme, (11) gearing up of the implementation machinery in the States/UTs and (12) envolving high level intersectoral coordination mechanisms at the national, State and district levels etc.

(c) and (d) The suggestion that the acceptance of two child norm be made obligatory for eligibility for any elected office, prospectively and not retrospectively, has been unanimously endorsed in the Conference of Ministers incharge of Health and Family Welfare in the States/Union Territories held at New Delhi on the 6th-7th January, 1992. The modalities of implementation are being worked out.

Prevention of Aids

235. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to bring major programme for prevention of AIDS in the country in the near future; and

(b) which are the organisation to be involved in AIDS control mission in our country ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D.K. THARADEVI SIDDHARTHA) : (a) There is already a National AIDS Control Programme in the country. Negotiations have been recently concluded with the World Bank for financing the National AIDS Control Project at the cost of US $ 100 million. The International Development Association (a soft loan affiliate of the World Bank) will be providing US $ 85 million (Rs. 229·5 crores) for the project, which will be implemented for a period of five years from 1st April, 1992.

(b) It is proposed to establish a National AIDS Control Authority at the national level for implementing the project. The organisations actively involved in the National AIDS Control Programme are the Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Directorate General of Health Services, State and Union Territory Health Departments, Medical Colleges and Non-government organisations.

Ban of sale of sub-standard drugs

236. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have banned sale of sub-standard drugs in the country for the last one year ; and

(b) if so, what are the names of the companies which were banned for producing drugs in the country ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D.K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) and (b) Whenever any sample of drug, taken by the Drugs Inspector, is found to be sub-standard, action like withdrawal of that particular drug from the market; stopping production of the drug; cancellation/suspension of licences, prosecution etc. is taken against the firm by the State Licensing Authority as per the provisions of Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940 and Rules thereunder. Some States, however, also publish the particulars of sub-standard drugs in newspapers stating that these drugs are prohibited or banned for sale.